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**A Decade of Our History:**  
**A glimpse at campus life in the 1940s**





**Dr. Randall J. Webb, 1965, 1966**  
President, Northwestern State University

Dear alumni,

While serving as president of Northwestern State University, I have many opportunities to be humbled by the generosity of people who are associated with this special institution. It means so much to me and those who work here to know that people value what we do so highly that they are willing to make donations to support Northwestern State.

I was reminded of this recently when the university hosted an event to announce that a record number of private scholarships will be awarded for the 2012-13 academic year. Because of the generosity of alumni and friends of Northwestern State over the past five years, we have more than doubled the number of scholarships awarded as well as the value of those scholarships. In that same period, the value of total scholarship funds from private sources is up by 143 percent.

Private scholarships are so valuable to Northwestern State and its students. These scholarships help us attract outstanding students. They also allow students to lessen the amount they must borrow on a student loan and in some cases make it possible for a student to continue their education.

Our students are grateful for the generosity of our alumni and friends. Many of them have expressed a willingness to "pay it forward" by becoming donors once they have graduated and start working.

I have also enjoyed traveling around Louisiana and Texas to attend our annual recruiting receptions. Each event was well attended which is a strong indication we will have a strong enrollment next fall. The good attendance is another sign that many of you are talking to prospective students about Northwestern State and letting them know about the life-changing experiences you had when you were a student.

Thank you for all you do to support your alma mater.

**William Drake Owens, 2004, 2005**  
Director of University Advancement

My fellow alumni,

Recently, I was posed the question, "How did your experience at Northwestern make you who you are today?" After some thought, I made a mental list that included my education, my career, my family and my friends, all aspects of my life that were affected by my decision to attend Northwestern State.

So many of the prospective students that I visit are at a pivotal moment in making the decision where to attend college and our alumni play an important role in those students' perception of our university. Please do not pass up an opportunity to mentor a young person or suggest they explore what Northwestern State has to offer.

I ask you, readers: How did your experience at Northwestern State make you who you are today? Are you willing to share how your college days impacted your life as much as it has mine? No one can tell the Northwestern State story better than those who experienced it for themselves.

I thank you, our alumni, for your continued interest and support of Northwestern State University.



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# Northwestern in the 1940s

## Alumna request yields recollection of student days on the home front

From Alumni Columns reader  
Frances Jones Hennigan of Lake  
Charles, class of 1946:

*I would like to read something about the years in the early 1940s when the Navy program was there. Do the students know we had very few boys those years, only sailors? There was no Christmas lighting. The football games had sailors playing. The band playing for dances was all girls.*

"The Louisiana State Normal College entered the decade of the 1940s with prospects of continued growth and progress. But, unfortunately, a global tragedy, World War II, dashed the expectations of the College," wrote Dr. Marietta LeBreton in *Northwestern State University of Louisiana: 1884-1984, A History*. "Instead of an increased enrollment, the State Normal saw most of her young men go to war, many of her young women choose either military service or war-related employment and some of her faculty serve in the armed forces. Several campus activities, notably intercollegiate sports, were suspended temporarily during the conflict while maintenance of buildings was curtailed and new construction ceased. On the bright side, World War II provided the State Normal with several thousand new students – naval cadets – who gave the college a military appearance and several new war-related programs.

In 1944, Louisiana State Normal College became Northwestern State College of Louisiana by a popularly approved constitutional amendment. Although some of the alumni and friends of the college were saddened by the name change, others felt the word "normal" would be an obstacle



Naval cadets raise the stars and stripes on the Northwestern State campus.

to attract students in the post-war years.

Along with the name change, Northwestern State expanded its offerings for careers outside of teaching and reorganized into three schools, Education, Arts and Sciences and Applied Arts and Sciences."

"I started in the summer of 1943 and finished in three years and three summers," said Hennigan, a native of Deridder. "When I started, it was during wartime and they did away with the Christmas parade. I've never seen it. There were 10 girls to every civilian boy and the soldiers would

march to the lunchroom in cadence."

Hennigan referred to the college's participation in several naval programs. Before the entrance of the United States into World War II, the State Normal offered a pilot training course under the direction of the Civil Aeronautics Authority. Within a year after America's involvement in the global conflict, practically every able-bodied young man on the Normal campus had entered military service. To counter the decrease in enrollment and to be of service to the military effort, President Joe Farrar offered the facilities of the

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State Normal to the War and Navy departments as a site for training programs. Beginning in January 1943, the college established an agreement with the Navy to house, feed and teach naval cadets with the Navy Department paying all costs. The State Normal was one of 20 colleges in the nation and one of only two in the south to house a unit of the Naval Flight Preparatory School.

Most of the men participating in the Naval Flight Preparatory School at Normal were sailors, marines and coast guardsmen with actual combat service but limited formal education. They took classes in math, physics, navigation, principles of flight, aerology, aircraft engines and communications that were taught by regular faculty, but separate from Normal's regular offerings. The Navy



In the fall of 1942, the Swing Queens took the place of the Swing Kings who left school to join the country's armed forces. The all-girl band provided music at social functions. They were Marjorie Barre, sax; Jo Haworth, sax; Lucy Matthews, sax; Kathryn King, sax; Penelope Clark, leader and trumpet; Beth Caldwell, trombone; Betty Jean Kuhn, string bass; Barbara Graves, piano, and Mildred Courtney, drums.

provided books, supplies and uniforms and established a rigorous physical training program. Upon completion of their first solo flight, trainees were thrown into Chaplin's Lake by their buddies. The program was discontinued in 1944 and replaced with a Navy V-5 Refresher Unit, which prepared men to become officers in the United States Naval Reserve. Unlike the flight preparatory trainees, these men received college credit and were permitted to engage in campus activities, including athletics, music, drama, debate and Saturday night dances. The Navy Academic Refresher unit was disbanded on college campuses in December 1945 after the surrender of Japan.

"The sailors had been on active duty before they came and some had been in some major ocean battles, like the Battle of Midway," Hennigan recalled. "They



left and went to Athens, Ga., for a flight program. Some of the sailors played on the football team. A big event was playing Louisiana Tech at the State Fair, but that was cut out during the war." One of Hennigan's roommates, Virginia Walker, married one of the sailors "and lived happily ever after."

In 1943, the *Potpourri* held the school's first annual Beauty Ball, in which Betty Bell was named Miss Potpourri, along with Potpourri Beauties and 10 maids.

Student life was very different, especially because of World War II. In addition to enforcing stringent rules of behavior, campus administrators urged students to donate at least six hours per week for participation in war work and activities to promote national defense. Stories in the *Current Sauce* and the *Potpourri* included well wishes for classmates who left school to serve in the armed forces.

"I was a dietetics major and we had to work in the cafeteria a lot," she said. "We could get bananas and ham when nobody else could because food was rationed. On Sunday nights, we had lobster salad and Ritz crackers.

"My first year, because of the war, we didn't have a yearbook; we had a leaflet. We had dances, but there were so few boys that the girls would just dance with each other," Hennigan continued. "There were no boys for the band either and we had an all-girl band called the Swing Queens.

"We had a lot of restrictions. We had to be in the dorms by 6:30 unless we went to the library and then we could stay out till 8:30. If we wanted to go to town, we had to sign out. Friday and Saturday nights, we could sign out and go to the show. Boys and girls were not supposed to hold hands. The main dormitory for boys was the Brick Shack. Varnado Hall was the new girls dorm and you really felt great if you got in there. It was mostly for junior and senior girls, but I got in as a sophomore."

Hennigan recalled a memorable winter snow, active campus groups like the Young Women's Christian Association and teachers who made a lasting impression.

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After an absence of two years from the calendar, a streamlined program of forensics was carried out during 1944-45. Fifteen students completed with the Forensics Club at the Mid-South Tournament in Conway, Ark., and the Louisiana Speech Tournament held on the Northwestern State campus. Club members were, from row from left, Mary Evelyn Durden, Eloise Richmond, Maxine Frye and Bessie Joe Duncan. On the back row are William Good, USN; Joseph Machen, USN; Charles Haley, USN; August Pistilli, USN, and James Ginnett.

"Dr. Webb's father, Joe W. Webb, was my chemistry teacher," she said. She remembered Dr. John Kyser, took home economics under Ruby Dunkelman and worked in the library where Eugene P. Watson was her supervisor. After graduation, Hennigan taught at Merryville High School and at Hyatt High School before moving to Lake Charles.

In 1944, after a one-season lapse, the Northwestern State Demon football team reentered college athletics. With few experienced players on the roster, Head Coach Harry "Rags" Turpin formed the nucleus

of his team from the V-5 Refresher Unit, rounding out the squad with 13 civilians. The season was deemed a success, if only because it marked the reactivation of sports that had been idle on the campus since the fall of 1942.

By 1946, Northwestern State welcomed the return of civilian men to campus, and the return of track and rushing fraternities, according to the *Potpourri*, "in the year that saw a renaissance of collegiate life and spirit on the campus after the low ebb during the war years."



Frances Jones Hennigan,  
Class of 1946



## Nursing professor/researcher earns Episteme Award

Dr. Kathleen R. Stevens, a Northwestern State University alumna and a professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, received the Episteme Award, one of nursing's most prestigious research honors. Stevens received the honor during Sigma Theta Tau International's 41<sup>st</sup> biennial convention. STTI is the international honor society of nursing.

In connection with being named an Episteme Laureate, Stevens will be inducted into the International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame in July 2012 at the society's 23rd International Nursing Research Congress in Australia.

The Baxter International Foundation's Episteme Award acknowledges a major breakthrough in the development of nursing knowledge that has resulted in a significant and recognizable benefit to the public. Episteme is the Greek word for knowledge.

Stevens, Ed.D., RN, ANEF, FAAN, earned her undergraduate nursing degree with honors at Northwestern State in 1969 and was president of the Student Nurses Association. She earned a master's degree

in maternal child health at Texas Woman's University and doctor of education in education administration/health research at the University of Houston/Baylor College. She completed post-doctoral work in informatics at the University of Utah.

"My achievements in my profession definitely were fed by good roots developed at Northwestern State College of Nursing," Stevens said. "I am proud to be a Northwestern State nurse."

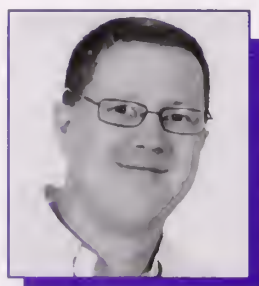
She is director of the Academic Center for Evidence-Based Practice (ACE), a School of Nursing center of excellence that she founded in 2000. Through ACE, Stevens improves patient care by her efforts to build a workforce and work environments that move research quickly into high-quality care.

"Bridging scientific results to bedside care involves hardwiring new knowledge into care delivery, stimulating clinicians to innovate, evaluate and adopt changes, and embracing patient and family preferences. In short, the goal is to find what research has shown to work best and put it into play for better outcomes," Stevens said.



Dr. Kathleen Stevens

***"The Episteme Award is a tremendous honor. It is the capstone of my career in nursing. I stand tall because I stand on the shoulders of the mentors and colleagues who came before me, as well as with those who are working now to improve patient care."***



## Brumley pens book on education leadership and service

Dr. Cade Brumley, a graduate of Northwestern State University and assistant superintendent of DeSoto Parish schools, has written a book entitled *Leadership Standards in Action: The School Principal as Servant-Leader*.

"While America's classroom teachers are where the rubber meets the road for individual students, our school principals play the most important role in whole-school effectiveness," Brumley said. "When I see principals with the appropriate school leadership characteristics, I also see schools doing well despite their challenges and obstacles."

*Leadership Standards for Action: The School Principal as Servant-Leader* is a resource for aspiring principals, practicing principals, district leadership and university faculty. Having been a principal, Brumley views the position as a moral obligation to fulfill.

"The book promotes a continually-appropriate reform model while holding true to fundamental tenets of our traditional approach to American schooling," Brumley said. "I think it is a fair balance between liberal and conservative ideas about the future of our education system."

A 2002 Northwestern State graduate, Brumley serves as an adjunct faculty member at Northwestern State and LSU-Shreveport within their graduate schools of educational leadership. Previously, Brumley served as principal of Converse High School in Sabine Parish. He holds a bachelor's degree in health and human performance education from Northwestern State, a master's of education in school administration from LSU-Shreveport, and a doctorate of education in leadership from Stephen F. Austin State University. He is also available as a leadership consultant. For more information, visit [brumleyconsulting.com](http://brumleyconsulting.com) or e-mail [cadebrumley@brumleyconsulting.com](mailto:cadebrumley@brumleyconsulting.com).

The book is available on Amazon.com.



## Townsend Scholarship acknowledges family's long history with NSU

Alton Townsend of Natchitoches established a scholarship at Northwestern State University to honor the memory of his wife, Dorothy Sledge Townsend, and his son, Alton Townsend Jr. The scholarship will be awarded to a full-time student from Red River Parish or Natchitoches Parish pursuing an undergraduate degree in either education or business. Townsend established the scholarship because he "wanted to do something to honor my deceased wife and son's memory."

The scholarship was initiated in conjunction with Townsend's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration in August 2011.

A native of Coushatta, Townsend enrolled at Normal in 1939 and played tackle on the football team until 1941 when he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and trained to be a pilot. His plane was shot down during a combat mission in 1943 and he was detained as a prisoner of war until 1944.

Townsend's professional career included teaching and coaching at schools in Red River Parish, working as a county agent and serving as media specialist for Red River Parish School Board.

Townsend's wife, Dorothy Sledge "Dot" Townsend, also from Red River Parish, attended Normal beginning in 1939 and was a home economics teacher in Red River, Grant and Bienville parishes. Mrs. Townsend died in 1958 at age 35, leaving her husband and three young children.

Alton Townsend Jr. graduated from Northwestern State in 1966 with a double major in accounting and business administration. After serving in the United States



Brenda Webb, Northwestern State's first lady;  
Alton Townsend, Director of University Advancement  
Drake Owens and Jill Bankston, associate  
director of Development

Army and completing an assignment in Vietnam, he had a successful career in business. Alton Townsend Jr. died of pancreatic cancer in January 1999.

Northwestern State has impacted many others in the Townsend family, including Alton Townsend Sr.'s children and grandchildren who earned degrees from the university.

Townsend encourages other "who have been favorably influenced by Northwestern State to contribute to promoting higher education and the financial stability of an important institution in appreciation for its contributions to our community in its past, present and future."

For more information, contact Director of University Advancement Drake Owens at (318) 357-4414.

## Air Force Medical Service Corps bestows service honor on Mammano

Lieutenant Colonel John "Mambo" Mammano, PhD, MBA, CFAAMA (1993) was selected by the Air Force as the 2010 Brigadier General Patricia C. Lewis Commitment to Service Medical Service Corps Field Grade Officer of the Year. The purpose of the award is to recognize sustained outstanding service by an Air Force Medical Service Corps Field Grade officer that has sustained superior performance and has made significant contributions to the service of patients, staff, and mission of organizations assigned and be a recognized leader among one's peers.

Lt. Col. Mammano currently serves as the Commander of the 88th Medical Support Squadron, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. In this

role, he defines resource and facility requirements to support 57,000 DoD beneficiaries. He leads a 449-member squadron that manages all medical support functions including a \$245 million annual budget, 99 War Reserve Material projects worth \$15 million, a \$28 million TRICARE program, \$373 million in equipment, contracts and facilities, and a medical campus with eight buildings. His squadron provides support for over 277,000 outpatient visits per year.

Lt. Col. Mammano has served at the base, major command, and Headquarters USAF levels in a variety of healthcare leadership positions. He also supported Operation Iraqi Freedom by deploying to Balad Air Base, Iraq, where he served as the adminis-

trator for the Air Force Theater Hospital.

His wife Mimi Mammano, MBA (1994) is the campus director for Park University Wright Patterson Campus. In this role, she plans, directs and coordinates research, instruction, student administration and services, and other educational activities for Park University. She participates in faculty and college committee activities, represents Park University at community and campus events, in meetings with other institution personnel, and during accreditation processes. She plans, administers and controls the campus budget, maintains financial records, and produces financial reports.



# SPOTLIGHTS

✿ **Rodney Jordan** (1973) completed his second novel, *Song of the Cantor*, which is set primarily on the Northwestern State campus in the early 1950s.

"It is somewhat of a suspense/thriller," said Jordan, who hopes to have the book published soon.

✿ **Gail Sweeney Stephenson**



(1976) was installed as president of the Baton Rouge Bar Association on Jan. 12. Stephenson, who earned a J.D. from the LSU

Paul M. Hebert Law Center in 1984, is the director of Legal Analysis & Writing and an associate professor of law at Southern University Law Center. She is married to **Joe Stephenson** (1975).

✿ **Gail Odette** was awarded the Jane French Manship Endowed Professorship in English, one of the highest honors Baton Rouge Community College presents to faculty to recognize exemplary teaching, scholarship and service to the college. Professorships are used to broaden teaching and professional development opportunities for distinguished faculty.

Odette is chair of four departments at BRCC that include philosophy, English, education and reading. She supervises about 70 faculty members who staff 228 sections of courses.

A native of Sedalia, Mo., Odette earned a master's degree in English with an emphasis in folklore and Southern literature and culture from Northwestern State and pursued doctoral work at the University of Loui-

siana at Lafayette until an instructor position became available at BRCC. The Jane French Manship Endowed Professorship was established in 2005. The monetary portion of the professorship will be used to supplement Odette's salary and assist with research projects.

✿ *Baton Rouge Business Report* listed **Scott Andrews** (1992) among the Forty Under Forty 2011, a list that salutes the fastest rising stars in business, community and charity activities in the capital region. More than 180 individuals were nominated with prominent members of the business community involved in the selection process.

Andrews, 39, is a personal injury attorney with Dué, Pree, Guidry, Piedrahita & Andrews of Baton Rouge. His cases typically involve clients who are hurt in major accidents or suffer complex sports injuries.

A native of Jackson Parish, Andrews graduated from Northwestern State with a degree in political science, completing his undergraduate studies in three years. He worked for one year at the Office of Group Benefits, where he helped create its PPO network, before enrolling at the LSU's Paul M. Hebert Law Center. He quickly rose to the tops of his class and was offered a lucrative clerkship during his second year, but turned down the opportunity to work for a local plaintiff attorney. The firm hired him before he finished law school. With nearly 20 years experience, he is the youngest partner at his firm and runs most of the day-to-day administrative duties.

✿ **Captain Ron Knott** (1960) of Euless, Texas, compiled stories of Navy and Marine fighter pilots into a collection entitled *Supersonic Cowboys*, a book filled with heroic accounts of aviation ventures.

"Old NSC instilled a lot of 'can do' in me that has allowed me to venture into many different fields of endeavor at the same time. Flying was my profession, but at the same time I was developing land and building homes, worked in oil and gas production, had an auto dealership and wrote a few books. NSC taught me the value of time and not to be inefficient with the amount of time God has given us."

"After paying all of my parking fines, my twin brother Roland and I graduated from NSC in 1960 with B.S. degrees. We both were in the Phi Kappa fraternity. I then entered the Navy Flight Program in Pensacola, Fla., and flew fighters in the active Navy and Navy Reserves for more than 13 years. I flew for Delta Airlines for more than 30 years and retired as a Boeing 767 captain in 1997," he said.

In addition to *Supersonic Cowboys*, which is available for Kindle e-book, Knott has published a group of individual fighter pilot short stories on eBook and has penned several Christian books, available on Amazon.com.

"NSC and a good family instilled the drive in me and it has been a wonderful trip," he said.

✿ **Dr. Willie Hey** (1987) gave the keynote scholar lecture at the Southern District American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) conference in Orlando, Fla., in February after receiving the Southern District Scholar Award in 2011. The lecture is presented by the award recipient and recognizes senior level scholars who have made and continue to make significant contributions to the profession through research and scholarly activity. Hey earned his M.Ed. in physical education from Northwestern State.

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## Alumni After Hours

The NSU Alumni Association and the NSU Foundation are coming to a city near you! Please mark your calendars for the events in your area. More details and registration information will be posted on our website at [northwesternalumni.com](http://northwesternalumni.com)

- March**
- 15 New Orleans** – ACME Oyster House, 3000 Veterans Memorial Blvd., Metairie, 6-8 p.m.
  - 22 Shreveport** – Savoie's, 2441 East 70<sup>th</sup> St., 6-8 p.m.
  - 24 Fort Worth** – "Louisiana Saturday Night," Esparanza's, 1601 Park Place, 6-9 p.m.
  - 29 Alexandria** – Tunk's Cypress Inn, 9507 La. Hwy. 28 West, 6-8 p.m.
- April**
- 14 Dallas** – Hosted by Jill Cantrell Morrison, 8250 Boedeker Dr., 4-6 p.m.
  - 19 Lafayette** – City Bar Downtown, 324 Jefferson, 6-8 p.m.

During his career Hey has accumulated over 80 conference presentations and more than 50 peer reviewed publications at state, district, national and international levels. He has also taught over 30 different HPER related undergraduate and graduate courses during his career and is currently a tenured professor within the Department of Kinesiology, Recreation & Sport at Western Kentucky University.

Hey has served on the boards of directors for the Mississippi AAHPERD, the Alabama State AAHPERD, the Southern District AAHPERD and the AAHE and participated on numerous professional organization committees. He was recognized as the Health Educator of the Year by the Mississippi AAHPERD, the Alabama State AAHPERD, the Southern District AAHPERD, and the American Association for Health Education. In addition he was recognized

with the Health Promotion Medal of Excellence Award from the CDC/ Directors of Health Promotion and Education and received the Honor Award from both the Alabama State AAHPERD and the Southern District AAHPERD.



**Angela Guillory** (1984) received



the Sue Kraft Distinguished Service Award from the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors

for exhibiting high professional standards and achievement in fraternity/sorority advising and contributing to the betterment of the fraternal movement. Guillory is the assistant dean of students and director of Greek life

at LSU. She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's in higher education administration from Northwestern State.

Guillory has been at LSU for nine years. She previously worked at Tulane University and the University of Arkansas and was a consultant. Guillory is a former national president of her sorority, Sigma Kappa.

The Sue Craft Distinguished Service Award is one of the top awards a fraternity/sorority advisor can receive. The award recognizes individuals who have exhibited high professional standards and achievements in fraternity/sorority advising and outstanding achievements in one or more of the following areas: service to AFA; programming and/or service, which reaches beyond the recipient's campus; development and research activities; and/or service to the college and fraternity/sorority communities.

## College seeking nominations for Hall of Distinguished Educators

**N**orthwestern State University's College of Education and Human Development Alumni Advisory Board is seeking nominations for its Hall of Distinguished Educators for 2012. Nominees must have graduated from NSU's College of Education at least 30 years prior to nomination. Inductees are annually recognized during Homecoming festivities and honored with a brunch and induction ceremony at the Teacher Education Center on Oct. 15.

Anyone who would like to nominate an outstanding College of Education alumnus who has had a distinguished career in education should send the nominee's resume and other documentation outlining the reason for the nomination to NSU College of Education and Human Development, c/o Janet Broadway, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA 71497.

Additional information is available by calling Broadway at (318) 357-6278 or e-mailing [broadwayj@nsula.edu](mailto:broadwayj@nsula.edu).



# Traditions

web page highlights historic people, places, events

Northwestern State University created a website to recognize some of the people, places and things that make the university special.

The website at [traditions.nsula.edu](http://traditions.nsula.edu) features members of the NSU Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line, and highlights campus historic monuments and markers. Additional elements will be added to the site in the coming months.

"As a university with a strong connection to its past, traditions provides a window onto the people, events and places that have defined Northwestern over the past 125 years," said Northwestern State President Dr. Randall J. Webb.

The NSU Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line, started in 1990. The Long Purple Line provides recognition and appreciation to former Northwestern State students whose career accomplishments or service to their fellow man enhanced NSU. The Long Purple Line is the most prominent honor bestowed by Northwestern State on its alumni. Out of more than 75,000 Northwestern alumni, only 104 people have been chosen for this honor.

Historic monuments and markers located throughout the campus recognize events including Northwestern State's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the history of Natchitoches and honoring Vietnam War prisoners of war and those missing in action.

"Traditions will continue to evolve as more alumni are recognized, new stories are collected, and what makes our university special in so many ways are documented on the website," said Tommy Whitehead, professor emeritus of journalism, who helped develop the site.

The university created a Facebook page for the site. Northwestern State alumni are encouraged to share their memories of university traditions on the Facebook page or through the contact us link on the traditions website.



Kathleen and Dr. Stan Chadick with Dr. Edward and Marsha Graham

## Professors Emeritus recognized

Dr. Stan Chadick and Dr. Edward Graham, described as "wonderful teachers, exceptional researchers and excellent administrators" were designated Professors Emeritus of Northwestern State University. The two were recognized for their leadership and accomplishments in and out of the classroom in an event attended by current and retired colleagues, faculty and administration representing all areas of the university, as well as former students.

Chadick joined the faculty at Northwestern State in 1969 and retired as a professor of mathematics in 2005. He was the first director of the Louisiana Scholars' College from 1986-87 and was the first curriculum coordinator for the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts from 1983-85.

In thanking administrators for the honor, Chadick described two moments of clarity in his life, one in which he realized as a teenager he wanted to attend college and another as a graduate assistant when he realized he wanted to teach.

"I had a job that I absolutely loved," Chadick said, also acknowledging his wife Kathleen, with whom he worked as a team throughout his career, implementing math and other programs at public schools throughout the state.

NSU President Randal J. Webb praised Graham's leadership in serving as dean four times, described many of his administrative accomplishments and designated Graham as Dean Emeritus.

Graham joined the Northwestern State faculty as chairman of the Department of Chemistry and Physics in 1974 and throughout his tenure at Northwestern State served as dean of the College of Science and Technology, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, dean of Graduate Studies and Research, dean of Instruction, vice president for Academic Affairs and faculty senate president. He retired in June 2010.

During his years as an administrator, Graham developed a means for evaluating teacher performance at the university and noted that Chadick was a perennial top performer.

"Having taught other places, we have some of the finest faculty and finest students here at Northwestern State," said Graham, describing his position as dean of Arts and Sciences as the most enjoyable for the variety of disciplines. "I accomplished what I did because I had excellent colleagues."



## 50-year faculty recognition



Dr. Hiram "Pete" Gregory received a specially cast ring in recognition of his 50-year career at Northwestern State University. Gregory, a professor of anthropology who has instructed generations of students, was honored during morning commencement exercises at Northwestern State on Friday, Dec. 16.

Members of the  
**Class of 1962**  
are invited to participate in the

### *Golden Jubilee*

**Friday, May 4-Saturday, May 5**

in commemoration of the  
50<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
of their graduation.

For more information, contact  
Haley Bount at [blounth@nsula.edu](mailto:blounth@nsula.edu).

## Project Win-Win awards degrees

Betty West Harper of DeRidder was pleasantly surprised to learn that she had earned an associate degree from Northwestern State University, despite not having attended school in decades. Harper was awarded an associate degree in general studies through Project Win-Win, a program that checks the records of students who left school after earning 60 or more hours. Northwestern State is one of three University of Louisiana System institutions taking part in Project Win-Win, a subset of the national Access to Success Initiative led jointly by the National Association of System Heads and The Education Trust. McNeese State University and Nicholls State University are also part of the program.

"I received a letter from Northwestern asking if I would give them permission to audit my courses," Harper said. "I've wanted that piece of paper a long time."

In Project Win-Win, universities check the records of students to determine if the former student enrolled at another college or university or received a degree elsewhere. If not, they prepare a final transcript analysis to see if the student is eligible to receive an associate degree. Northwestern State officials found approximately 1,000 students who may be eligible for an associate degree. Nearly 500 students are lacking a small number of hours to receive a degree.

A native of Sabine Parish, Harper is a retired nurse, who completed a three-year nursing program at the Mather School of Nursing, operated for many years at Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, where students took science and other courses at Tulane University. The year after she graduated, Tulane began awarding credit to those students. BSN programs were not as com-

mon in the 1950s and 1960s and not necessary to become a nurse.

Harper was a registered nurse for more than 40 years. Her family lived in Natchitoches from 1963-66 while her first husband earned a degree in education and accounting at Northwestern State while Harper worked at Natchitoches Parish Hospital. She later took classes at Nicholls State University in the 1970s and at Northwestern State's Leesville-Fort Polk campus in the 1980s. In the early 1980s, she began work at Paul C. Phelps Correctional Center in DeQuincy. The daily commute and her work schedule made taking classes difficult.

"Now that I've retired, it won't mean much in my career, but it's nice to have a college diploma," said Harper, who is active in ministry work in Honduras, travelling there at least twice a year. She is also active in her church, Diamond Baptist, and volunteers at God's Food Bank in DeRidder.

"One of the main purposes of this program is to give students an incentive to return and finish their bachelor's degree," said Northwestern State Registrar Lillie Frazier Bell. "When students learn they have earned an associate degree, it often gives them incentive to return to school and get a bachelor's degree."

For more information on Project Win-Win at Northwestern, contact the NSU Registrar's Office at (318) 357-6171.



Betty West Harper



# Making an Impact

**Through service, academics and athleticism, Yaser Elqutub shines**

After introducing Kelly Clarkson to an appreciative throng in Jackson Square in New Orleans at the sixth annual Allstate Sugar Bowl Fan Fest, he hung out with Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III for the second time in a month.

He winked at ESPN's Erin Andrews during a live interview during the Home Depot College Football Awards Show. That was two days after he hobnobbed with Archie Manning, Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, former U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates and many of college football's elite figures in New York City, as an honored guest.

You'd have to say Yaser Elqutub has quite the collection of photos on his Facebook page to share. But perhaps his favorite memory of an incredible few weeks wrapping up his undergraduate career at Northwestern State University came at fall commencement.

As he received his Louisiana Scholars' College degree as a magna cum laude graduate, the highly-decorated Elqutub added another award to his collection, as an unprecedented recipient of an "Nth Degree" from university President Dr. Randy Webb. The Nth Degree is given by Northwestern in recognition of unselfish devotion to duty and the willingness to go the extra mile in meritorious service to mankind. It had never been presented at commencement to a graduating student.

"It's appropriate that we set a precedent by presenting Yaser



Yaser Elqutub introduced entertainer Kelly Clarkson during the sixth annual AllState Sugar Bowl Fan Fest in the New Orleans French Quarter.

with an Nth Degree," said Webb. "Yaser has demonstrated class and distinction as he has brought such great credit from all around the nation to Northwestern, and he has served his fellow students and this community in a selfless and ceaseless manner."

He was the only college football student-athlete in 2011 to receive one of 16 National Football Foundation National Scholar-Athlete Awards and to make the 22-man Allstate AFCA Good Works Team. He was elected by fan vote to be the captain of the Good Works Team and led the squad to as it was recognized at halftime of the Jan. 3 Allstate Sugar Bowl in New Orleans.

In the first full week of December, Elqutub was an honored guest at the NFF's black-tie Awards Dinner at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City, then flew to Orlando where he was introduced on ESPN as the captain of the Good Works Team, a 22-member squad chosen annually for remarkable community

service and leadership. He was also named a second-team Capital One Academic All-America selection, another honor he cherishes, partly because he also shares that with teammate and classmate Justin Aldredge, a first-team Academic All-America recipient – the first time any two college football players from the same Louisiana institution have won those honors in the same year.

Elqutub was chosen for the Good Works Team captaincy by fans who voted on ESPN.com over several weeks following the announcement of the team roster in late September. Allstate Insurance Company and the American Football Coaches Association, which initiated the Good Works Team program 20 years ago, partnered last year with ESPN to expand promotion of the Good Works Team by election of a team captain. Elqutub's far-reaching community service activities last year won him the 2010-11 South-

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As team captain of the All State Good Works Team, Elqutub, center, and 15 other outstanding student athletes were recognized during halftime of the Allstate Sugar Bowl on Jan. 3.

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land Conference Steve McCarty Citizenship Award.

With ambitions of making an NFL team not sidetracking his ultimate goal of medical school, winning a National Scholar-Athlete Award was particularly significant. Elqutub received an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship at the National Football Foundation's Annual Awards Dinner in New York City. He also earned a \$5,000 grant to the Johnnie Emmons Academic Study Center for student-athletes at NSU.

Elqutub was a two-year starting linebacker for the Demons after beginning his career as a walk-on. He finished with 121 career tackles and was elected a permanent team captain by his teammates.

Among Elqutub's community service activities, he has mentored youth through the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office's Families in Need of Services (FINS)

program, and planned a series of campus events last April to benefit Samaritan's Feet, an international organization that provides shoes and feet washings for children in third world countries. Members of the Sheriff's Office attended his graduation ceremonies.

Elqutub has volunteered at local medical facilities to gain experience while helping others. He is the two-term president of the NSU Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, and the Southland Conference SAAC, attending the last two NCAA Conventions to represent his peers around the conference.

He was recently honored as the Central Louisiana Sportsman of the Year by the *Alexandria Daily Town Talk* newspaper. He has participated in events such as Alzheimer's Awareness Walk, the Green NSU City-wide Clean Up, the March of Dimes Fundraiser, Doves Spring Clothes Drive,

and has been active with the Boys and Girls Club of El Camino Real and Operation Support Our Troops. Elqutub has visited area schools, contributed to a letter writing campaign supporting St. Jude Children's Hospital.

He served on the 2010-11 NCAA Certification Committee as a member of the Commitment to Equity subcommittee. Elqutub was the featured speaker at the 2011 DARE Team Summit, co-grand marshal (with Aldredge) of the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual Natchitoches Christmas Festival Junior Parade, and was the featured speaker at the 2010 NSU Freshman Convocation.

Elqutub was voted by his fellow students as the 2010 NSU Homecoming King. He established the Demon Dodgeball club and spearheaded it becoming a university club sport.





At left, Kirk Allen of Haynesville, a Northwestern State sophomore majoring in industrial engineering technology, and at right, Emily O'Glee, a senior at Haughton High School are the first recipients of two scholarships funded through the Mary Rives Gallaspy estate. O'Glee, who was accompanied by her mother Brandy, will pursue a degree in mathematics next year. NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb presented the awards.

## Northwestern State awarding unprecedented number of scholarships

Northwestern State University President Dr. Randall J. Webb announced the availability of an unprecedented number of new scholarships for current and incoming students during a media event in January. Thanks to recent major gifts to the university, the number of scholarships Northwestern State can award has risen 125 percent over the past five years and the value of those scholarships has increased more than 100 percent.

Northwestern State benefits from significant growth in the overall creation of privately funded scholarships, with the value of total scholarship funds from private sources rising over 143 percent over the past five years. Northwestern State can now award the largest number and greater value of privately funded scholarships in the history of the school, Webb said.

"Students who can obtain funding through TOPS and privately funded scholarships will make a tremendous difference," Webb said, citing the bequest of the late Mary Rives Gallaspy as one of the most significant gifts. "This highly generous gift has been transformational."

Gallaspy, a 1946 graduate of Northwestern State College, was a teacher and businesswoman from DeSoto Parish whose bequest included a monetary gift, as well as

property located in the Haynesville Shale.

"Because of the increase in the number of scholarships over the past five years, we are helping more than twice the students that we have in the past," said Drake Owens, executive director of the Northwestern State Foundation.

"We want to take care of our students, our incoming and continuing students. These funds will help tremendously with retention and recruiting initiatives," said Dr. Chris Maggio, dean of students. "We encourage prospective students to apply for admission and then apply for scholarships early."

High school juniors who applied for enrollment should apply for Northwestern State Foundation/Leadership and alumni scholarships as soon as possible. For more information, visit [recruiting.nsula.edu](http://recruiting.nsula.edu) and click on the Additional Scholarships link. For those applying to Northwestern State for the first time, the link will be at the end of the Apply Now process.

For more information, visit [nsula.edu](http://nsula.edu) and click on the Prospective Students link or contact Jana Lucky, director of University Recruiting by calling (318) 357-4503 or e-mailing [luckyj@nsula.edu](mailto:luckyj@nsula.edu).

## Nursing scholarship honors memory of nurse Elaine Holoubek

Brian Holoubek of Shreveport honored the memory of his late wife by creating an endowed scholarship that will enable a Northwestern State University student to follow a career path in nursing.

The Elaine Holoubek Memorial Scholarship in Nursing will be presented to a junior or senior level

student. The two-year scholarship will benefit a female student with a 3.0 or higher grade point average and a strong Christian background.

Mrs. Holoubek passed away in 2000.

For his late wife, becoming a nurse "was a long-term dream and it was something of a struggle to

live on one income while she was in school," he said, but once she went to work as a registered nurse "she loved every minute of it." Remembering those time inspired him to help another promising student fulfill the goal. "I hope this gives someone else a chance."



## Graves Scholarship continues legacy of supporting female athletes

Donations are being accepted by the Northwestern State Athletic Association for the Loneta Graves Athletic Scholarship for Women honoring a longtime Northwestern State employee who became the first female vice president at the university and whose leadership helped create athletic scholarships for intercollegiate women's sports at Northwestern in 1975.

Graves, 88, passed away Sept. 11, 2011. Family members, headed by her "adoptive son," Andrew Nahm, moved to establish the scholarship to support the university, and an athletics program, that she treasured.

"I would hope her legacy as an 'institutional memory' for Northwestern and active participant in the lives and careers in many of its past and current faculty, staff and students would be best remembered by giving to this scholarship fund that will promote her beliefs through sports, women's empowerment and appreciation for their own self-awareness in both value, talent and possibilities," said Nahm.

Donations can be made by contacting NSU Athletics at (318) 357-5251 or by sending a check designated to the Loneta Graves Scholarship to NSU Athletics, Athletic Fieldhouse, Natchitoches, La. 71457.

In April 1975, with Graves playing a pivotal role working for President Dr. Arnold Kilpatrick, Northwestern State became the first university in Louisiana to issue full athletic scholarships to women.

Graves remained an avid supporter of NSU athletics, and particularly women's sports, until her passing, frequently attending football, basketball, soccer and volleyball games and maintaining contact with coaches and staff members.

A Northwestern State alumna, Graves was hired in 1943 at then Louisiana Normal School as an account clerk and was appointed to a position as an accountant four years later. She became administrative assistant to the dean of administration in 1955, auditor a year later, and in 1970, comptroller, Equal Employment Opportunity officer and director of personnel.

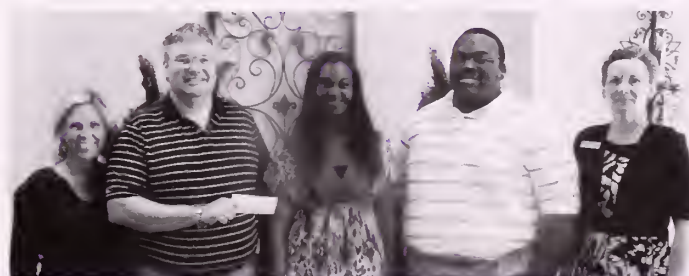
In 1972, she was named vice president for financial and administrative affairs and EEO officer, holding that post until retirement in 1977.

Graves was named vice president emeritus in 1987 and was awarded an honorary doctorate in 1992. She received the President's Distinguished Service Award in 1998 and was honored by the Graduate N Club with its Distinguished Service Award in 2008 for her key role in NSU and state athletic history.



Three generations of a large family with roots in Ascension Parish contributed to an endowed financial award that will be presented annually to a Northwestern State University student struggling to overcome financial hardship. The Dill Family Perseverance Award in Education will benefit a senior-level student pursuing a degree in Northwestern State's College of Education and Human Development with a strong desire to become a successful teacher. Contributions were presented from the family of three sisters and a niece, teachers who attended Louisiana Normal, as Northwestern State was known until 1944. They were sisters Eleanor, Hilda and Detta Dill and Betty. The family is pictured circa 1940.

Justin Cobb of Natchitoches is this year's recipient of a PRIDE Industries scholarship to benefit students with disabilities. He is pursuing a degree in Computer Information Systems with a minor in business administration and maintains a 3.3 grade point average. He will be classified as a senior at the conclusion of the Fall 2011 semester. PRIDE Industries is a national entrepreneurial not-for-profit company focused on creating opportunities for people with disabilities while delivering manufacturing and service solutions to business and government.



Members of the Natchitoches Board of Realtors presented the group's annual scholarship to Natchitoches natives Breanna Metoyer and Chad Harris. From left are Jill Bankston, associate director of Development; David Stamey, a member of the Natchitoches Board of Realtors; Metoyer, Harris and Michele Todtenbier, president of the Natchitoches Board of Realtors. Metoyer and Harris are both sophomore level students majoring in accounting. Metoyer maintains a 4.0 grade point average. Harris maintains a 3.9 grade point average. They are both graduates of Natchitoches Central High School.



## 30th annual Roper Tournament April 28; Bonnette Tournament May 28

Dates have been set for the two annual golf tournament/fundraisers, both to be held at Northwestern Hills Golf Course.

The 30<sup>th</sup> annual Chris Roper Memorial Golf Tournament will take place April 28. Proceeds from the tournament fund a scholarship for a student in the Health and Human Performance program. Over the years, the event has generated enough funds to provide \$1,500 per semester for the recipient. The tournament honors the NSU student and golfer who was killed over Christmas break in 1982.

The event will begin with lunch served at the Northwestern State Recreation Complex at 11 a.m., followed by a 12:30 p.m. tee time. Following the tournament, prizes for first, second and third places will be awarded, along with prizes for the longest drive, closest to the hole and drawings for door prizes. The entry fee is \$70 per person, which includes

cart fee, lunch, beverages and green fees. Tee sponsorships are available for \$50 and will be recognized with signage.

Entry fees can be mailed to Hall Adams, NSU Recreation Center, Box 5225, Natchitoches, LA 71497. Checks should be made payable to Chris Roper Memorial Golf Tournament. For more information, call Adams at (318) 357-6300 or email [adamsh@nsula.edu](mailto:adamsh@nsula.edu).

The Northwestern State Foundation will host the 12th annual Coach Buddy Bonnette Memorial Day Golf Scramble Saturday, May 28. The 18-hole scramble for four-person teams will start at 9 a.m. Prizes will be awarded for the top three teams in each of two flights. The entry fee is \$75 per player or \$300 per team, which includes green

fee, golf cart and lunch. Proceeds will benefit the Coach Buddy Bonnette Scholarship Fund and the NSU men's and women's basketball teams.

For more information or to obtain an entry form, contact Coach Mike McConathy at (318) 357-4274 or Coach Jennifer Graf at (318) 357-5891. Checks can be made payable to the NSU Foundation.

Sponsorships are also available at three levels. A corporate sponsorship of \$500 includes recognition on the tournament program, publicity, a printed tee box sign and four golf entries into the tournament. A team sponsorship of \$350 includes recognition in the program, printed tee box sign and four golf entries in the tournament. A tee sponsorship includes recognition in the tournament program and a printed tee box sign.

## Hall of Famer to participate in Legends Dinner, golf scramble

With Pro Football Hall of Fame tight end Jackie Smith and College Football Hall of Fame linebacker Gary Reasons headlining the lineup of Northwestern State football greats, the NSU Athletic Association will host its first Legends Dinner and Golf Scramble March 25-26 at Bossier City's Horseshoe Casino and the Shreveport Country Club.

Proceeds from the event go to the Demon Victory Fund's initiatives to provide scholarship assistance and support to nearly 375 young men and women who represent Northwestern State in NCAA Division I athletics. Securitas USA is a major presenting sponsor of the Legends Dinner and Golf Scramble.

Activities will begin with a dinner at the Horseshoe Casino's Riverdome from 5:30-9:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 25. The Legends Dinner will feature an open question and answer panel discussion with several former and current NFL players, including Smith, who was inducted in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1994, and Reasons, a College Football Hall of Fame inductee in 1996.

Other Legends panel participants already confirmed are current Buffalo Bills starting offensive tackle Demetrius Bell, 17-year head coach Sam Goodwin, 12-year NFL veteran offensive lineman Marcus Spears and seven-year NFL veteran quarterback Craig Nall.

Tickets for the Legends Dinner only are \$50, while participants in the golf tournament will be admitted as part of their entry fee.

Registration for the four-man golf scramble will begin at 11 a.m. Monday with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Lunches sponsored by Savoie's, owned by former Demon player Gerald Savoie, will be served on the patio at the Shreveport Country Club beginning at 11:30 a.m. with an awards presentation following play.

First, second and third place awards will be given for each of three flights. Sponsorship opportunities are available at several levels from a \$5,000 title sponsor to \$100 tee sign sponsors. The four-person team entry fee is \$600.

The event replaces the Joe Delaney Memorial golf scramble, which began in 1989 in Shreveport. An award honoring an NSU alumnus in the name of Delaney, a two-sport All-American for NSU who heroically gave his life trying to save three drowning children in 1983, will be presented annually during the Legends event.

The permanent team captains at NSU receive Joe Delaney Leadership Awards each season, and the Demons' spring game, set for April 5 this year, is the Joe Delaney Bowl. A permanent shrine honoring Delaney, a Haughton native and a Pro Bowl running back for the Kansas City Chiefs, is under the west side grandstand at Turpin Stadium.

For more information on the event, sponsorships or to register, contact Todd Garzarelli at (318) 357-4295, (318) 332-2613, or e-mail [garzarellit@nsula.edu](mailto:garzarellit@nsula.edu) or log onto the [nsudemons.com](http://nsudemons.com) website.



# Alumni Updates

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## 1965

Valda Leigh Barry is a retired teacher and lives in Logansport.

## 1966

Larry Clinton is the president and owner of Clinton Insurance Agency, married and lives in Choudrant.

Marsha Whitford is a retired speech-language specialist and lives in Shreveport.

## 1968

Dr. Barbara LeVearn Hyde is employed at Southeastern La. University-College of Nursing as a professor, married and lives in Baker.

## 1969

Beverly Clark Porche retired from the Lafayette Parish School System as the special education supervisor. She is married to John Porche ('69) and lives in Richmond, Texas.

John Porche retired from the University of Louisiana-Lafayette as the head athletic trainer. He is married to Beverly Clark Porche ('69) and lives in Richmond, Texas.

## 1971

Mary Cathy Bankston DeLee is a retired and lives in Ethel.

## 1971

Charles Ray Soileau is employed by the East Baton Rouge parish recreation and park commission as the coordinator of sports officials. He is married and lives in Baton Rouge.

## 1973

Dr. Louis Arnold "Budd" Cloutier, Jr. is the owner/optometrist of Cloutier Eye Care, married to Vicki Odom Cloutier ('76) and lives in Schriever.

## 1975

David Randall Rumbelow retired from greater New Orleans Archdiocese as a music teacher. He is married to Sharon Rumbelow ('75) and lives in Kenner.

## 1976

Vicki Odom Cloutier is the owner/administrator of Cloutier Eye Care, married to Louis Arnold "Budd" Cloutier, Jr. ('73) and lives in Schriever.

## 1985

Edward Clifton McDugle is an economics teacher and golf coach at White Station High School, married and lives in Memphis, Tenn.

## 1987

Myles Allen Parker is the owner of Carroll, Warren and Park PLLC, Attorneys-at-Law in Jackson, Miss. and Houston, Texas. He is married and lives in Madison, Miss.

## 1989

Virginia Ann Stuchlik Voorhies is a kindergarten teacher at South Grant Elementary, married and lives in Pineville.

## 1991

Omon Fitzgerald Hill is the president of Arkansas Baptist College and was recently named a new board member of First Federal Bancshares. He is married and lives in Little Rock, Ark.

## 1995

Kimberly R. Brewer Gaughf is a branch manager at Hancock Bank, married and lives in Diberville, Miss.

## 1997

Crystal Ann Louviere Pierce is a kindergarten teacher at Fairview Alpha, married and lives in Natchitoches.

## 1998

Joel David Deutser is a human resource manager for Diabetes Management and Supplies (New Orleans), married and lives in Violet.

## 1999

Damian Nikell Johnson is a pilot for the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, married to Tiesha Martin Johnson ('11) and lives in Zachary.

## 2003

Dustin L. Matthews is an assistant vice president for First Federal Bank of Louisiana, married to Kelly Brocato Matthews ('03) and lives in Alexandria.

## 2011

Tiesha Martin Johnson is an underwriter for the Louisiana Worker's Compensation Corporation. She is married to Damian Johnson ('99) and lives in Zachary.

## In Memory

Marjorie L. delaBretonne Sinclair, Feb. 7, 2011, Hattiesburg, Miss.

1939 – Marion C. Waguespack, July 11, 2011, Lockport

1949 – Tom Fore Phillips, Dec. 3, 2011, Fisher

1950 – Thomas Bruce DeKeyzer, July 1, 2011, Alexandria

1953 – John B. "Jack" Eichler, Jan. 16, 2012, Shreveport

1954 – Dr. Jerry W. Iles, Sept. 1, 2010, Natchez, Miss.

1956 – Carolyn Sue Alexander Young, Nov. 1, 2011, Alexandria

1957 – Perry Houston Miers, June 22, 2011, Anacoco

1958 – Mattie Yvonne Coffey, Jan. 11, 2012, Shreveport

1961 – Aliene Henniger, Nov. 13, 2011, Shreveport

1961 – Joseph Patrick Martinez, Nov. 12, 2011, Baton Rouge

1989 – Dr. Mark A. Colomb, March 24, 2011, Jackson, Miss.

1992 – Sandy Carl Huckabee, Jan. 22, 2012, Arkadelphia, Ark.

## Why I Love NSU

*I grew up with stories of Northwestern. My Aunt Elsie received her lifetime teaching certificate and lived just off campus in a boarding house. The house is still there. My grandmother received her Master's Plus Thirty from NSU also. When it came time for me to choose it was Demon's all the way. They had what I wanted, ROTC, and a reputation for excellence.*

-- Melinda G. West, 1992



# LOOKING BACK



Miss Betty Jean Kuhn was named Miss Potpourri 1946 by the yearbook staff. She was presented at the third annual Potpourri Ball with her court of eleven maids, Misses Cade, C.R. Courtney, Ross, Marmande, Callender, Kuhn, Seegers, Woodall, Clark, C. Courtney and Anthony.

## Guess Who?

Northwestern State presented a Mardi Gras celebration in 1972, with a Mardi Gras court resplendent in elaborate Carnival costumes. Can you identify the King and Queen of the 1972 Mardi Gras? The first five readers who know the answer can call the Alumni Center at (318) 357-4414 and win a prize.

Featured in the Winter 2011 Guess Who were Family and Consumer Sciences students Bonnie Moran, Donna Myers, Tanya Fair, Karen Boudreaux, Patricia Knight, Betty Simmons, Nancy Pierce and Jacque Reed.







# Alumni Updates

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or use this printed form.

Please fill this page out as completely as possible. We are constantly revising our records and your information updates are vital to making the system work. The information from this form is also used for entries in the "Alumni Updates" section. Please make a copy of this page and give it to any NSU graduate who may not be on our list. We can't keep in touch with you if we can't find you! Thank you.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name: (Miss, Mrs. Mr.) \_\_\_\_\_

Please Circle

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Current address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

NSU undergraduate degree(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Year of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

NSU graduate degree(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Year of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

During which years did you attend NSU? \_\_\_\_\_

Which organizations were you involved in while a student at NSU? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Place of employment \_\_\_\_\_

Job title: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your spouse an NSU graduate? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If yes, what degree(s) did he / she earn?

Spouse's undergraduate degree (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Year of graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's graduate degree (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Year of graduation \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have children who are potential Northwestern State students?**

Please tell us their names, contact information, and what high school they attend.

\_\_\_\_\_

Please return to: Alumni Center • Northwestern State University • Natchitoches, LA 71497

**If you would like information from Admissions, Financial Aid or the NSU Athletic Association, contact them at the following address:**

**University Recruiting**  
South Hall  
Natchitoches, LA 71497  
(318) 357-4503 or 800-327-1903  
[recruiting.nsula.edu](http://recruiting.nsula.edu)

**Financial Aid**  
Room 109, Roy Hall  
Natchitoches, LA 71497  
(318) 357-5961  
[financialaid.nsula.edu](http://financialaid.nsula.edu)

**Athletic Director**  
Room 101C, Athletic Fieldhouse  
Natchitoches, LA 71497  
(318) 357-5251  
[NSUDemons.com](http://NSUDemons.com)





# Athletic Reunions

An all-time Demon Baseball Alumni Weekend will be held **March 30-April 1**, an event that will coincide with the Natchitoches Jazz/R & B Festival. It's the first time that all NSU baseball alumni will stage a joint reunion with a special salute to the 2002 Southland Conference championship team on its 10th anniversary.

Any former Demon baseball players, coaches or staff are welcome to contact Haley Blount at the Alumni Association at (318) 357-4414. For more details or to register, visit [nsudemons.com](http://nsudemons.com) or [northwesternalumni.com](http://northwesternalumni.com).

A reunion of the **2002 Men's Outdoor Track and Field team that won the Southland Conference championship** will be **April 5-6**.

A reunion of the **2002 Lady Demon Softball NCAA Tournament team** will also be staged in spring 2012.

Members of those teams, coaches or staff are encouraged to contact Blount at the Alumni Association (318) 357-4414 and to check [nsudemons.com](http://nsudemons.com) for details.

Interested persons can register for either reunion at [northwesternalumni.com](http://northwesternalumni.com).

# 2012 Demon Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
9/1	@ Texas Tech	Lubbock, TX	TBA
9/8	ARKANSAS-MONTICELLO	NATCHITOCHES	6:00
9/15	@ Nevada	Reno, NV	TBA
9/22	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE	NATCHITOCHES	6:00
9/29	@ McNeese State*	Lake Charles	7:00
10/6	LAMAR*	NATCHITOCHES	6:00
10/13	@ Southeastern Louisiana*	Hammond	TBA
10/20	Open		
10/27	NICHOLLS* (HOMECOMING)	NATCHITOCHES	6:00
11/03	@ Central Arkansas*	Conway, AR	TBA
11/10	SAM HOUSTON STATE*	NATCHITOCHES	6:00
11/17	@ Stephen F. Austin*	Nacogdoches, TX	6:00